



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Crop Progress Season Begins

Continued rains in Maryland monopolized much of the week, allowing for 2.8 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending April 1st. Because of these showers and cool temperatures, farmers are behind on spring tillage and planting of early crops. Planting is behind a considerable amount from last year. Very little if any amounts of **potatoes, tomatoes, cantaloupes, watermelons, snap beans and sweet corn** have been seeded. Equally small percentages of **peaches, apples and strawberries** have bloomed. Some areas have reported that the late spring has set farmers about a week behind schedule.

The cool weather has also delayed small grain growth, however favorable conditions are being maintained for the most part. **Winter wheat** is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Barley** condition is 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Rye** is rated at 1 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 19 percent fair, and 65 percent good.

Pasture conditions are rated in mostly good condition. Pasture is rated 13 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Showers have replenished ground waters to adequate and surplus levels. **Topsoil moisture** is 1 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 55 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is 83 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Planting Progress:				
Potatoes	1	--	21	23
Green Peas	15	--	32	22
Tobacco Beds	84	--	88	66
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	2	--	18	8
Peaches	4	--	60	24
Strawberries	2	--	18	6

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	1	44	55
Topsoil (2000)	0	11	71	18
Subsoil Moisture	0	0	83	17
Subsoil (2000)	1	18	72	9

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